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Applicant: Martin C. Flautt et al.

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For: SUPERABSORBENT WATER-RESISTANT COATINGS

: Group Art Unit: 1713

: Examiner: Egwim, K.C

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 9, 2001, the Applicants amend this patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An article comprising:
at least one surface covered by;
(a) a water-soluble superabsorbent polymer precursor;
(b) optionally a viscosity modifying agent; and
(c) a binder selected from a group consisting of polyester,

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